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In re application of

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Kenji MIYAZAKI, et al.

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For: METHOD OF ANALYZING C-TERMINAL AMINO ACID SEQUENCE OF PEPTIDE

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

We, Kenji Miyazaki and Kenichi Kamijo, hereby declare and state:

1) We are two of the three co-inventors of the invention claimed in the present application; the third co-inventor, Akira Tsugita, is now deceased.

2) We understand that the present application is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Seikagaku, Vol. 75, No. 8, page 924 (2003) ("Seikagaku") in the Office Action of October 3, 2008.

3) We, Kenji Miyazaki and Kenichi Kamijo, and deceased Akira Tsugita, were solely responsible for any disclosure of the present invention in Kenji Miyazaki et al. "C-Terminal Sequencing Method for Proteins in Gel by the Reaction of Acetic Anhydride with Perfluoric Acid" in Seikagaku.

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4) In this regard, while Kenichi Kamijo is not named as an author, we hereby confirm that Kenichi Kamijo is an unnamed contributor to the invention disclosed in Seikagaku.

5) Further, we declare that Kazuo Satake, who is named as an author, was solely a presenter of the "C-terminal sequencing method for proteins in gel by the reaction of acetic anhydride and perfluoric acid" disclosed in Seikagaku, and he was not responsible for any disclosure of the present invention in that publication and did not make an inventive contribution to any claim of the present application.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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